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1. CVIJETIN MIJATOVIC, MEMBER OF EXECUTIVE BUREAU OF
LCY PRESIDUM, HAS BEEN NOMINATED TO TAKE BOSNIA AND
HERZEGOVNA'S (B&H) SEAT ON SFRY PRESIDENCY. HIS NAME
HEADED SLATE CONFIRMED MARCH 26 BY LARGE ASSEMBLAGE
ATTENDED BY EXECUTIVE BODIES OF B&H SAWP, PARTY CENTRAL
COMMITTEE, TRADE UNION CONFEDERATION, SUBNOR, YOUTH
FEDERATION AND MEMBERS OF REPUBLICAN EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

2. RATO DUGONJIC, CURRENTLY MEMBER OF STATE PRESIDENCY,
WILL BECOME PRESIDENT OF B&H PRESIDENCY. NOMINATED TO BE
MEMBERS OF PRESIDENCY WERE VASO GACIC, NOW B&H INTERIOR
SECRETARY, FATIMA HADZIALIC, MEMBER OF SAWP EXECUTIVE,
IVO JERKIC, MEMBER OF FEDERAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, MOMIR
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KAPOR, VP OF REPUBLICAN ASSEMBLY, DRAGUTIN KOSOVAC,

PRESIDENT OF REPUBLICAN EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, MUSTAFA SEFO, VP OF SUBNOR, AND AHMET SEHOVIC, CURRENT PRESIDENT OF REPUBLICAN ASSEMBLY'S COMMISSION FOR VETERANS AFFAIRS. PRESIDENT OF CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF LC B&H (UNNAMED) WILL ALSO BE MEMBER OF REPUBLICAN PRESIDENCY BY VIRTUE OF HIS POSITION.

3. PRESS ALSO ANNOUNCED MARCH 27 THAT ANGEL CEMERSKI HAS BEEN NAMED FOR ANOTHER TERM AS PRESIDENT OF MACEDONIAN PARTY.

4. MEANWHILE, PARTY CHIEFS OF KOSOVO (BAKALI) CROATIA AND SERBIA (VLASKALIC) MADE SEPARATE CALLS ON TITO MARCH 27 IN BELGRADE. SUBJECTS OF DISCUSSION WERE NOT REPORTED.

5. MEDIA ANNOUNCED NAMES OF CANDIDATES FOR TOP POSITIONS IN SOCIALIST ALLIANCE OF WORKING PEOPLE OF YUGOSLAVIA (SAWPY) AND CONFEDERATION OF TRADE UNIONS OF YUGOSLAVIA (CTUY) MARCH 26 (REF A). DUSAN PETROVIC-SANE IS CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT OF SAWPY AND MIKA SPILJAK, OUTGOING PRESIDENT OF CHAMBER OF NATIONALITIES IN FEDERAL ASSEMBLY, WAS PUT FORWARD FOR CTUY PRESIDENT.

6. COMMENT: REFERENCE IN PRESS TO ALMOST MASS MEETING OF B&H ORGANIZATIONS WITH UNASSAILABLE POLITICAL CREDENTIALS (VETERANS, LABOR, PARTY, GOVERNMENT) NO DOUBT EFFORT TO UNDERSCORE BROAD SUPPORT FOR CHOICES. IN MIJATOVIC, B&H HAS COME UP WITH VIRTUAL UNKNOWN FOR MEMBER OF STATE PRESIDENCY. HOWEVER, HIS LACK OF NOTORIETY AND IMPECCABLE PARTY (MEMBER SINCE 1933) AND WARTIME RECORDS (DECORATED COMMISSAR) PROBABLY OFFSET ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT SERBIAN CONNECTIONS DURING STUDENT DAYS IN BELGRADE DURING 30'S. THESE CREDENTIALS AND AGE OF 61 FIT HIM INTO PATTERN SET BY EARLIER PRESIDENCY CANDIDATES, EXCEPT THAT MIJATOVIC DOES NOT SHARE THEIR POLITICAL PROMINENCE (SEE REF C).

7. CURRENT B&H PARTY LEADER, BRANKO MIKULIC, HAS NOT BEEN NOMINATED FOR ANY POSITION SO FAR. IT IS NOTEWORTHY THAT HE IS ONLY PARTY CHIEF WHO HAS NOT BEEN REPORTED TO HAVE MET WITH TITO IN CURRENT ROUND OF PARTY CONSULTATIONS, ALTHOUGH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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B&H PARTY CONGRESS ALREADY IN SESSION AND ELECTIONS FOR PARTY POSITIONS ON AGENDA.

8. MONTENEGRO REMAINS ONLY REPUBLIC WHICH HAS NOT RELEASED SLATE OF CANDIDATES FOR FEDERAL AND REPUBLICAN POSITIONS. TOON

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